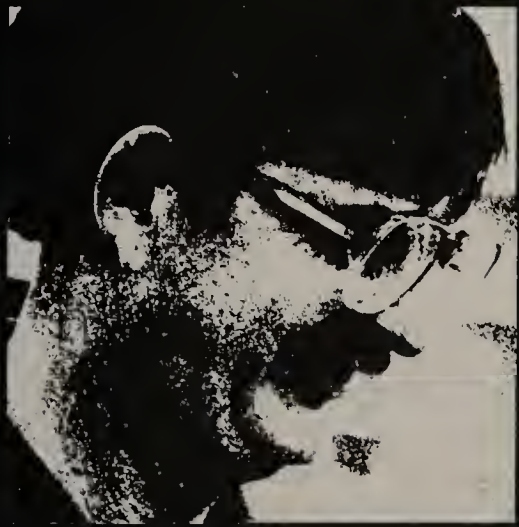


Guide to Selected Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons in Wisconsin

Department of Health and Social Services
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation



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Introduction

This information guide is intended to assist physicians, ophthalmologists, social workers, optometrists, public officials, teachers, clergy, nurses, gerontologists, rehabilitation teachers, counselors, and others who work with persons who are blind or visually impaired.

Blindness is defined as having 20/200 vision or less in the better eye after correction or having a field of vision of 20 degrees or less in the better eye. Persons who have a condition which may lead to blindness may be eligible for vocational rehabilitation and other services.

Wisconsin has about 10,000 legally blind persons, and there are over 1,000 new cases of blindness annually. More than half are above age 60 and about 10% are of school age. Diabetes, cataracts, glaucoma and macular degenera-

tion are some of the leading causes of blindness and are often associated with aging.

Among the blind population about 25% are totally blind and 75% have some remaining vision. Many blind persons have good functional vision and do not appear to be blind. Many blind persons are also able to function better with the assistance of special magnifiers and lighting.

An even larger population than blind persons is known as "visually impaired" or "partially seeing." These persons have vision ranging from 20/70 to 20/200 or severe field restrictions greater than 20 degrees. These persons have various functional problems and may benefit from special services and devices as described in this guide.



Gathered to salute the signing of legislation which significantly advanced the legal foundation providing vocational rehabilitation services to Wisconsin citizens with disabilities were (from left) Adrian DeBlaey, Badger Association of the Blind; John Franco, Wisconsin Council of the Blind; Roy Campbell, executive director, Easter Seal Society of Wisconsin; Susan Mancl, Wisconsin Rapids, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation State Consumer Advisory Council; and Jeffrey Russell, DVR assistant to the Administrator. Wisconsin Governor Tony Earl signed the Wisconsin statute revision into law.

Financial Information

You are urged to investigate financial resources thoroughly. Some benefits terminate or decrease in value with time. All should be checked to take full advantage of these services. The nearest DVR office also has information on many of these programs. See page 5.

Supplemental Security Income, Social Security Disability Insurance. Many persons are eligible for these benefits; contact the Social Security District Office to insure maximum protection.

Unemployment Compensation. Visual loss does not mean an individual is unable to work. Check the local employment office, listed in the telephone directory under Wisconsin State of: Job Service; Unemployment Compensation.

Employee Group Insurance. Most employers have group insurance. Check for disability clause and 30-day conversion privileges.

Private Insurance: Home, Car, Health, Disability, Mortgage, Credit Life, Life. Check for waiver of premium and other fringe benefits resulting from disability. For unresolved insurance problems you may check with:

State of Wisconsin
Insurance Commissioner
123 W. Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53702
Telephone: (608) 266-3585

Veterans Administration. Check with your county Veterans Service Office or call (800) 242-9025 for service and non-service connected benefits for veterans as well as wives, widows, and children of veterans.

Union Benefits. Check with your local union office for the advantages of maintaining your union affiliation and possible benefits.

Worker's Compensation. Both financial and rehabilitative services are available to an individual injured on the job. Check with Wisconsin Department of:

Industry, Labor and Human Relations
(D.I.L.H.R.)
Worker's Compensation Division
201 E. Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53702
Telephone: (608) 266-1340

Civil Service Benefits. Check with the personnel office of the unit in which you were employed for benefits, if you were employed under civil service at the time of disability.

Railroad Retirement and Disability Benefits. Check with the Railroad Retirement Board Representative for your possible benefits if you are affiliated with this plan. For further information, contact:

Railroad Retirement Board
Lewis Center Building, Rm. 410
615 E. Michigan St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
Telephone: (414) 291-3961

Federal Income Tax Exemption. An additional exemption is granted to those persons who are certified as being blind under the definitions adopted by the Internal Revenue Service. An additional exemption is granted to those aged 65 and over. For information call IRS (800) 424-1040 - in Milwaukee call (414) 271-3780.

Medical Aid

Private Insurance. Check all possibilities for medical coverage.

Public Health. Public Health Clinics have many services available such as family planning, nursing services, well-child clinics, and glaucoma tests. Contact your local health department.

Veterans Administration. Check with the Veterans Administration or your local Veteran's Service Office for specific information on eligibility for medical services if you are a veteran or a dependent of a veteran. All VA hospitals offer the Visually Impaired Services Training (VIST) program which provides evaluation and referral to blind and visually impaired clinics or centers. Wood Hospital in Milwaukee is the central office of VIST in Wisconsin.

Vocational Rehabilitation. Medical care may be available if you are following a Vocational Rehabilitation plan. Check with your nearest Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. (see page 5).

Labor and Industries. If you are injured on the job, related medical care may be provided by the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations, Division of Worker's Compensation.

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Department of Health and Social Services.

Persons with low income may qualify for medical services without receiving financial assistance. Check with your County Department of Social Service Office.

Social Security. Social Security offers medical health insurance for all people over 65 years of age and people who have been receiving disability insurance benefits for two years. In addition, all people who qualify for Supplemental Security Income automatically qualify for medical assistance. Contact your nearest Social Security Office.

Legal Aid

Free legal advice and representation is given on civil matters to individuals or groups with low income. Some of the centers are:

Legal Action of Wisconsin-

1-800-242-5840

Milwaukee Office (serves Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties)

230 W. Wells St. Room 800

Milwaukee, WI 53203

(414) 278-7722

Madison Office (serves Dane, Columbia, Dodge, Green, Jefferson and Rock Counties)

31 S. Mills St.

P.O. Box 8696

Madison, WI 53715

(608) 256-3358 or (800) 362-3904

Kenosha Office (serves Kenosha, Racine and Walworth Counties)

5630-6th Ave.

Kenosha, WI 53140

(414) 632-2116 Racine

(414) 654-0114 Kenosha

or (800) 242-5840

Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee

1204 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53233

(414) 765-0600

Legal Services of Northeastern Wisconsin

Green Bay:

417 Pine St.

P.O. Box 1077

Green Bay, WI 54305

(414) 432-4645

Oshkosh:

404 N. Main St., Suite 140

Oshkosh, WI 54901

(414) 233-6521

Sheboygan:

901 Superior Ave.

Sheboygan, WI 53081

(414) 452-2077

Western Wisconsin Legal Services

LaCrosse:

318 Main St.

P.O. Box 2617

LaCrosse, WI 54601

(800) 322-3901

Dodgeville:

202 W. Main St.

P.O. Box 101

Dodgeville, WI 53532

(608) 935-2741

Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy

2 W. Mifflin St.

Madison, WI 53703

(608) 251-9600

Wisconsin Disability Coalition

1954 E. Washington Ave.

Madison, WI 53704

(608) 255-7696



◀ Green Bay's active DVR consumer advisory council undertakes a variety of projects to increase public awareness of disability issues. At a recent work session in Green Bay were (from left) Jane Rueckl, chairperson and extended employer coordinator, Green Bay Curative Workshop, Roger Siegworth, office supervisor DVR field office, and Rod Maccoux, Brown County representative to the DVR council and computer programmer at the Schreiber Cheese Company.

Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.
408 N. 3rd St.
Wausau, WI 54401
(800) 472-1638

Milwaukee Public Defender (criminal cases only)
230 W. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53203
(414) 224-2978

Statewide Lawyer Referral and Information Program:
Wisconsin State Bar - (800) 362-9082
Madison - (608) 257-2866 or 257-4666
Milwaukee - (414) 271-3080



Park Falls pharmacist, Arnold Tucker, member of the Wisconsin Statutory Council on Blindness discusses merchandise with customer Sandy Durel, account executive at WNBI radio, Park Falls. Tucker received a variety of assistance from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation allowing him to stay in his chosen profession despite failing vision.

Rehabilitative Services/Employment

A number of personal services are available which can help a visually impaired person regain his/her independence and reestablish a satisfying role at home and in the community.

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) offers a variety of services to blind and visually impaired persons.

1. **Vocational Rehabilitation Services -**

Trained vocational counselors may provide services to the client in the home; but the client will be encouraged to call on the counselor at the office, whenever desir-

able. Along with counseling, guidance, and other types of information, the rehabilitation counselor assists with setting up training opportunities for the client, and continues close contact with the client throughout the training period. Assistance with placement on a suitable job may be provided, or arranged for, following vocational training in a college, technical school, or specialized training facility.

2. **Independent Living Rehabilitation -**

This is a service designed to aid blind and visually impaired individuals to make a more complete adjustment to daily living despite the visual loss. Professional rehabilitation teachers visit an individual's home and assist in developing techniques of daily living, homemaking, personal care, communication skills, and other specialized skills which make everyday life more pleasant.

3. **Business Enterprise Program** - This is a program designed to assist blind individuals in establishing business opportunities. Anyone interested in owning, managing, or operating a business enterprise should discuss this program with the rehabilitation counselor serving the blind, or contact the Business Enterprise Supervisor, 131 West Wilson, 7th Floor, P.O. Box 7852, Madison, WI 53707, phone (608) 266-1116.

4. **The Wisconsin Workshop for the Blind** - Located at 5316 West State St., Milwaukee, WI 53208, (414) 257-7888. The Workshop provides skill training and sheltered employment. Services are intended to assist individuals to reach their maximum work potential for either community employment or sheltered employment within the Workshop. For further information, contact the nearest Division of Vocational Rehabilitation office or the Wisconsin Workshop for the Blind.

Located at the Wisconsin Workshop for the Blind are: a work and aptitude evaluation program; technological devices evaluation (in which individuals can try out new assistive devices); low vision screening to evaluate ophthalmological needs; and orientation and mobility evaluation.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Central Office

1 W. Wilson St., 8th Floor
P.O. Box 7852, Madison, WI 53707
(608) 266-1281 (TDD* Compatible)
Administrates statewide DVR programs.

Information & Referral Service**(TDD* Compatible)**

1-800-362-9611

This DVR service answers consumers' questions on accessibility, employment, transportation, medical aid, insurance, training, and other concerns relating to persons with disabilities.

*TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf)

Eau Claire

517 Walker Avenue, P.O. Box 1228, 54701

(715)836-4236 (TDD Compatible)

Counties Served: Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix

Fond du Lac

820 S. Main St., P.O. Box 1438, 54935

(414) 921-5883 - (414) 921-5058-TDD

Counties Served: Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette

Green Bay

200 North Jefferson St., Suite 311

P.O. Box 3627, 54301

(414) 497-3417 - (414) 497-4179-TDD

Counties Served: Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Marinette, Menomonie, Oconto, Shawano

Janesville

101 South Main Street, 53545

(608) 755-2780 (TDD Compatible)

Counties Served: Green, Jefferson, Rock

Kenosha

1115-56th Street, 53140

(414) 656-6453 - (414) 656-6432-TDD

County Served: Kenosha

LaCrosse

333 Buchner Place, 54601

(608) 785-9500 - (608) 782-8624-TDD

Counties Served: Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, LaCrosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, Vernon

Madison

160 Westgate Mall, Suite 10, 53711

(608) 266-3655 - (608) 266-2075-TDD

Counties Served: Dane, Grant, Iowa, LaFayette, Richland

Milwaukee Northeast

2430 North Murray Avenue, 53211

(414) 224-4776 - (414) 224-4291-TDD

County Served: Milwaukee, Northeast Sector

Milwaukee Northwest

6815 West Capitol Drive, 53216

(414) 257-4957 - (414) 257-4954-TDD

County Served: Milwaukee, Northwest Sector

Milwaukee Southeast

3501 South Howell Street, 53207

(414) 769-2600 - (414) 769-2604-TDD

County Served: Milwaukee, Southeast Sector

Milwaukee Southwest

9401 West Beloit Road, Room 408, 53227

(414) 257-4922 - (414) 257-4904-TDD

County Served: Milwaukee, Southwest Sector

Oshkosh

1000 Oregon Street, 54901

(414) 424-2028 - (414) 424-2053-TDD

Counties Served: Outagamie, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago

Portage

311 E. Wisconsin Street, Suite 209, 53901

(608) 742-8594 - (608) 742-8597-TDD

Counties Served: Columbia, Dodge, Juneau, Sauk

Racine

5200 Washington Avenue, 53406

(414) 636-3388 (TDD Compatible)

County Served: Racine

Rhineland

130 South Stevens Street, P.O. Box 894, 54501

(715) 369-3930 (TDD Compatible)

Counties Served: Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Vilas

Rice Lake

11 E. Eau Claire Street, 54868

(715) 234-6806 (TDD Compatible)

Counties Served: Barron, Burnett, Polk, Rusk, Washburn

Sheboygan

1428 North 5th Street, 53081

(414) 459-3883, (414) 459-3576

Counties Served: Manitowoc, Sheboygan

Superior

917 Tower Avenue, 54880

(715) 392-8171 - (715) 392-8306-TDD

Counties Served: Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer

Waukesha

141 N. W. Barstow St., P.O. Box 1349, 53184

(414) 548-5850 - (414) 548-5861-TDD

Counties Served: Ozaukee, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha

Wausau

2416 Stewart Square, 54401

(715) 845-9261 - (715) 845-5554-TDD

Counties Served: Marathon, Taylor

Wisconsin Rapids

110 East Grand Avenue, 54494

(715) 424-1100 - (715) 424-1669-TDD

Counties Served: Adams, Portage, Wood

Workshop for the Blind

5316 West State Street, Milwaukee, 53208

(414) 257-7888

- All offices have TDD access

Governor's Committee for People With Disabilities

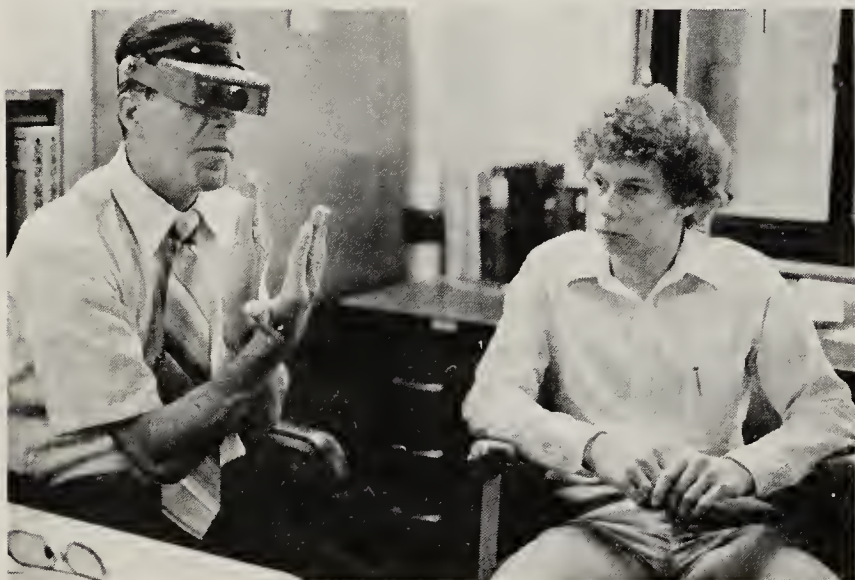
1 W. Wilson, P.O. Box 7852
Madison, WI 53707
(608) 266-5378

The Committee advises the Governor, the Legislature and state agencies on the needs and concerns of people with disabilities. It identifies progress in eliminating barriers, tracks state legislation relating to disabled people, and annually reports to the Governor on problems and recommended solutions. Membership includes high representation of persons with a disability or family members of persons with a disability. The Committee is administratively attached to DVR.

Industries for the Blind

3220 W. Vliet St.
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 933-4319

This private organization provides employment opportunities and training for blind and visually impaired persons.



Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Rod Kosick focuses a headborne telescope to check the focal range while assisting Jeff Dittel.

Training

Blackhawk Technical Institute
Rt. 3, Prairie Rd.
Janesville, WI 53547
(608) 756-4121

This program offers free tuition to the legally blind for training in piano tuning and repair.

Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind
1850 W. Roosevelt Rd.
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 666-1331

The Lighthouse offers training for an office career with courses in word processing, medical and legal terminology, and others. An industrial training program is also available.

Hadley School for the Blind
700 Elm St.
P.O. Box 299
Winnetka, IL 60093
(800) 323-4238

The School offers vocational training, preparation for high school equivalency exams, and self improvement through braille or tape correspondence courses.

Industries for the Blind
3220 W. Vliet St.
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 933-4319

This private organization provides training and employment opportunities for blind and visually impaired persons.

Lighthouse for the Blind
2701 W. Superior St.
Duluth, MN 55806
(218) 624-4828
Rehabilitation center and workshop for the blind.

Minneapolis Society for the Blind
1936 Lyndale Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 871-2222
Rehabilitation center and workshop for the blind.

Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped
1700 W. State St.
Janesville, WI 53545
(608) 755-2950
The School provides pre-vocational training and techniques of daily living for adults age 18 and above in a five-week summer session. Enrollment applications can be obtained from the School or your nearest DVR office.

Veterans Administration—There are three primary rehabilitation centers for blind and visually impaired veterans. They are located in Hines, IL; West Haven, CN; and Palo Alto, CA. Contact your V.A. Representative or your County Veterans Service Office for information on the nearest hospital or center, or call (800) 242-9025.

Technical Colleges
Milwaukee Area Technical College
Department for the Visually Impaired
1015 N. 6th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53203
(414) 278-6938

North Central Technical Institute
Program for the Visually Impaired
1000 Campus Dr.
Wausau, WI 54401
(715) 675-3331

Both facilities offer classes in consumer education, orientation and mobility, personal care, food preparation, physical education, communi-

cation skills—such as typing, braille and adaptive communicative devices, and others. The student has the opportunity for career exploration, assessment and guidance.

Additional Resources for Employment Information

Badger Association for the Blind
912 Hawley Rd.
Milwaukee, WI 53213
(414) 258-9200

Job Opportunities for the Blind
1800 Johnson St.
Baltimore, MD 21230
(800) 638-7518

Wisconsin Council of the Blind
1245 E. Washington Ave., Suite 158
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 255-1166

Wisconsin Society for the Prevention of Blindness
759 N. Milwaukee St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Rehabilitative Medical Services

Columbia Hospital
2025 E. Newport Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53211
(414) 961-3300

Visually impaired persons are individually instructed in how to manage their diabetes.

Eye Institute
8700 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53226
(414) 257-5821 or 257-5541

General clinic services include: eye examinations, diagnostic services, surgery, and optical dispensing services. Specialty services are available through referral from the general clinic or your ophthalmologist. They include: orbital and plastic surgery, cataract and intracular lens surgery, and other services relating to specific diseases. The Eye Institute also houses the Wisconsin Lions Bank for use by physicians primarily in Southeastern Wisconsin.

Curative Rehabilitation Center
Low Vision Clinic
9001 Watertown Plank Rd.
Wauwatosa, WI 53226
(414) 259-1414 ext. 230

The Clinic provides medical consultation, counseling, and special optical aids for clients whose visual impairment cannot be improved by further surgery, medication, or conventional lenses.

Miller Dwan Medical Center
Diabetes Education Program
502 2nd St.
Duluth, MN 55805
(218) 727-8762

The program provides week long training sessions on coping with diabetes. Training is provided to diabetics on an outpatient basis.

University of Wisconsin
Department of Ophthalmology
600 Highland Ave.
Madison, WI 53792
(608) 263-7171 or 263-6414
Eye clinics include: Corneal and External Diseases, Glaucoma, Neuro-ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, Hereditary Diseases, Retinal Diseases, and Diabetic Retinopathy. A Low Vision Clinic at the same address and phone, (608) 263-7171, serves persons whose eye conditions can no longer be corrected by conventional medical or optometric means. It provides training in the use of low vision aids and mobility and orientation.

Winnebago Center for the Blind
625 Adams St.
Rockford, IL 61167
(815) 965-4454

The Center provides low vision evaluation, large-type materials, educational and other services.

The American Foundation for the Blind (p. 13) also has information about visual impairment as a result of diabetes.

Educational Benefits

Pre-School through High School

Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped
1700 W. State St.
Janesville, WI 53545
(608) 755-2950

A residential school for blind and visually impaired students from kindergarten through high school.

Also at the School:

Professional Services for the Visually Handicapped
(608) 755-2950 or 755-2949

Pre-School Coordinator
(608) 755-2970

Supervisor for the Visually Handicapped
Division of Handicapped Children
Department of Public Instruction
125 S. Webster St.
Madison, WI 53702

The State of Wisconsin provides instruction at the residential school in Janesville, day care programs, specialized materials—such as large print texts, braille, and tapes, and other services.

Coordinator of Student Services
Hadley School for the Blind
700 Elm St.
Winnetka, IL 60093

The Hadley Correspondence School provides a free, comprehensive educational program: elementary classes as needed; complete secondary school curriculum; vocational and college courses in cooperation with extension departments in several universities. Materials are provided in braille or recordings.

Center for Blind Children, Inc.
3722 S. 58th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53220
(414) 321-6362 or 352-8884

The Center provides developmental training (physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language training) to infants and young children who are blind and visually impaired. Parent groups are also sponsored by the center.

High School through Adult Education

Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped
Hadley School for the Blind
Professional Services for the Visually Impaired (see above)

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
DVR may provide counseling and financial assistance for educational/vocational needs. Contact your local DVR field office (see p. 5)

Milwaukee Area Technical College, and
North Central Technical Institute (see p. 6)

General Equivalency Degree (GED) Administrator
Department of Public Instruction
125 S. Webster St.
Madison, WI 53702
(608) 266-3393

If you have not graduated from high school and desire an equivalency certificate, contact the Administrator's office to learn the location of the GED Examination Center nearest you.

Students enrolled in the University of Wisconsin, the Vocational Technical Educational System, or private schools should contact the disabled students services office on their campus for information and assistance.

Other Programs and Services

Aptitude Testing Program: Services for Handicapped Students
Institutional Services
P.O. Box 592
Princeton, NJ 08541
SAT, TSWE, and ACH may be obtained in large print, braille or on tapes.

Arrowhead Psychological Associates
114 Lyons St.
Duluth, MN 55811
(218) 724-7957
Counseling, psychological evaluation, bio-feedback, assertiveness training.

Holy Assumption School and Convent
Resource Room for the Blind
West Allis, WI 53214
(414) 774-8783

Louis Braille Foundation for Blind Musicians
215 Park Ave., S.
New York, NY 10003
(212) 982-7290

National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped
79 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10016
Self-study and evaluation guides are available through the Visually Impaired Persons Department.

Scholarships and Loans for Higher Education

Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board Bureau of Student Grants 137 E. Wilson St. Madison, WI 53702 (608) 266-2897

Wisconsin Council of the Blind, Inc.
1245 E. Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 255-1166

Again, depending on need, **DVR** may provide financial assistance for education/vocational training. Contact the office nearest you.

Library and Transcription Services

American Foundation for the Blind
15 W. 16th St.
New York, NY 10011
(212) 924-0420

American Printing House for the Blind
1839 Frankfort Ave.
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 895-2405

Brown County Library
515 Pine St.
Green Bay, WI 54301
(414) 497-3473

Madison Public Library
201 W. Mifflin St.
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 266-5314

Milwaukee Public Library
Library for the Blind and Physically Handi-
capped
813 W. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 278-3045

Recording for the Blind, Inc.
20 Roszell Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
1-800-221-4729

NBA Reader Transcriber Registry
5300 Hamilton Ave., #1404
Cincinnati, OH 45224

National Library Service for the Blind and Physi-
cally Handicapped
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20542
(202) 882-5560

Braille books are sent postage free; cassette
players, special phonographs, and talking books
are loaned free of charge.

**Libraries send books postage free and
loan cassette players, special
phonographs, and talking books at no
charge.**

National Braille Press
88 S. Stevens St.
Boston, MA 02116

Printers
1887 N. Water St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Recording for the Blind
20 Roszell Rd.
Princeton, NJ 08540
Toll Free (800) 221-4792

215 E. 58th St.
New York, NY 10022
(212) 751-0860

Volunteer Braillists, Inc.
Crestwood School
5930 Old Sauk Rd., Rm. 123
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 231-1966

Also call Volunteer Braillists for information on
the Madison Taping Service.

Volunteer Textbook Recording and Transcribing
Service
814 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 278-3039

Housing and Independent Living

Badger Association for the Blind
912 N. Hawley Rd.
Milwaukee, WI 53213
(414) 258-9200
This association maintains a residential facility
for blind adults.

Design Coalition
1201 Williamson St.
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 258-8866
This organization provides barrier-free design
services for people with physical disabilities.

Milwaukee County Housing Program
Courthouse Annex, Rm. 310
907 N. 10th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 278-4899 or 278-4914
Milwaukee County is taking a special interest in
barrier-free housing for disabled individuals, in-
cluding adaptive equipment for the sensory
disabled.

Sunrise Nursing Home for the Blind
827 N. 34th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 933-6977
A health care facility for elderly blind persons.

The following federally funded centers serve
persons with a severe disability which substan-
tially limits their ability to function independently
in the family or community, and for whom a rea-

sonable expectation exists that independent living services will improve their ability.

Access to Independence
1954 E. Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53704
(608) 251-7575

This independent living center provides housing services, attendant services, apprenticeship program, and information/referral.

Curative Workshop Rehabilitation Center
2900 Curry Lane
Green Bay, WI 54308
(414) 468-1161
An independent living center.

Program for Independent Living
Vocational Development Center, UW-Stout
Menomonie, WI 54751
(715) 232-2293

Society's Assets
720 High St.
Racine, WI 53403
(414) 637-9128
An independent living center.

Southeastern Wisconsin Center for Independent Living
1545 S. Layton Blvd.
Milwaukee, WI 53215
(414) 643-0910

Aids and Appliances

American Foundation for the Blind
15 W. 16th St.
New York, NY 10011
(212) 924-0420

Publishes **Aids and Appliances** catalogue which lists such items as: clocks, watches, timers, games, kitchen aids, medical aids, sewing aids, canes, tools, and measuring devices. The Foundation also operates the M.C. Migel Memorial Library, a reference library on blindness.

Apollo Electronic Visual Aids
6357 Arizona Cir.
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(213) 776-3343

Offers a closed circuit television which enlarges and presents an image on a monitor.

Guild for the Blind
180 N. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 236-8569

Provides independent living self-help services. Braille and cassette books also available.

Howe Press
Perkins School for the Blind
175 N. Beacon St.
Watertown, MA 02172
(617) 924-3434

Manufactures and sells the Perkins Brailier, slates, styli, mathematical aids, games, braille printing equipment, braille version books for children, maps, music, heavy and light grade braille paper.

Independent Living Aids, Inc.
11 Commercial Ct.
Plainview, NY 11803
(516) 681-8288

Offers watches, canes, kitchen aids, and appliances, recreational and personal aids. Publishes a catalogue, **Aids and Appliances for the Blind and Visually Impaired**.

Programs for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Wisconsin Workshop for the Blind
5316 West State St.
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 257-7888

This program stocks a variety of technical aids and devices, so that consumers can try out various aids and make appropriate purchase decisions.



Jeff Dittel, Park Falls pharmacy graduate uses a headborne telescope on the Visualtek electronic magnifier during a recent pharmacy internship at the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services. Dittel was assisted by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Science for the Blind

P.O. Box 385

Wayne, PA 19087

(215) 687-3731

This organization has two recorded and printed catalogues: AUD-A-BUY, general mail order; and AUD-A-LOG, special aids for blind persons. It provides tapes and recording equipment.

Singer Educational Division

80 Commerce Drive

Rochester, NY 14623

(414) 258-9200

This company stocks a variety of aids and appliances.

Video Magic, Inc.

3521 S. 68th St.

Milwaukee, WI 53220

(414) 321-3004

Markets a low vision reader, the Companion, which magnifies print 60 times.

Visualtek

1610-26th St. Santa Monica, CA 90404

(213) 829-6841

Marketed by:

EduTek

P.O. Box 701

Brookfield, WI 53005

Provides closed circuit television which enlarges and presents the image in high contrast on a monitor.

Wisconsin Council of the Blind

1245 E. Washington Ave.

Madison, WI 53703

(608) 255-1166

This office has many aids available for sale.

Wisconsin Society for the Prevention of Blindness

759 N. Milwaukee St.

Milwaukee, WI 53202

(414) 765-9505

The society has available miscellaneous aids and devices.

Wormold International

Sensory Aids Corporation

Suite 110, White Pines Office Centre

205 W. Grand ave.

Bensonville, IL 60106

(312) 766-3935

Manufactures the Mowat Sensor and Sonicguide mobility aids.

American Printing House for the Blind

1839 Frankfort Avenue

P.O. Box 6085

Louisville, Kentucky 40206

(502) 895-2405



Discussing State of Wisconsin services to blind and visually impaired persons were (from left) Michael Nelopovich, Blind and Visually Impaired Coordinator, Division of Community Services; Linda Reivitz, secretary, Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services; and William F. Gallagher, executive director for the American Foundation for the Blind, New York.

Travel

American Foundation for the Blind

15 W. 16th St.

New York, NY 10011

(212) 620-2000

Identification cards for travel are available through the AFB. Discounts and special reduced fares may be obtained through the use of this card on some railroads and buslines.

The Motor Vehicle Division of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation also issues an identification card to adults who do not have a driver's license. Contact the nearest Motor Vehicle office.

License Plates/Sun Visors. In order for a person with a visual impairment to qualify for disabled license plates, they must have a minimum corrected vision of 20/200 and form MVD - 2452A completed by a physician. For further information, contact:

State of Wisconsin

Department of Transportation

P.O. Box 7911

Madison, WI 53707

(608) 266-1384

Greyhound Bus Lines

Contact the nearest office

Sighted individuals serving as guides for legally blind persons may be eligible to travel at no charge provided that verification of legal blindness be present.

Trailways

1202 W. Wells St.

Milwaukee, WI 53233

(414) 273-5757

This bus company also offers free fare to persons assisting people with a disability.

Recreation

Blind Outdoor Leisure Development (BOLD)
Southeastern Wisconsin Lions
423 W. Grand Ave.
Port Washington, WI 53704
(414) 284-2704

BOLD, inc., a non-profit, tax-exempt, publicly supported corporation has as its unique purpose the creation of a national program to rehabilitate the blind and visually handicapped through skiing, (down-hill, cross-country, and water), canoeing, swimming, roller skating, fishing, horse-back riding, camping, square dancing, ice skating, beep baseball, and other recreational activities.

The Pleasure Club
Marilyn Hayes, President
2825 St. Rita Rd.
Racine, WI 53405
(414) 639-8823

This group meets primarily for various social activities.

The Salvation Army-Army Lake Camp
4247 North 35th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53216

The Social Club
Angie Lehman, President
122nd Av.
Kenosha, WI 53140
(414) 694-2497

This is a social group which meets for various social activities and to discuss involvement in community projects.

The Wisconsin Lions Camp
Mr. Tony Omernick, Camp Director
46 County A
Rosholt, WI 54473
(715) 677-4761

The Lions Camp, located in central Wisconsin, is a project of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation. The Lions Camp is accredited by the American Camping Association, and provides a camping experience at NO COST to any Visually Handicapped child or adult from the State of Wisconsin.

It also offers a quality camping program, consisting of every conceivable outdoor recreational activity. The programs are geared to the needs and interests of individual campers. There are separate sessions for children, youths, and adults. The Lions Camp also has programs to accommodate multiply handicapped blind children.

For Additional information contact:
Easter Seal Society
Madison, WI (608) 231-3411
Milwaukee, WI (414) 871-1270

Specific Recreational Programs and Facilities

ORGANIZED BOWLING PROGRAMS. Many visually impaired persons enjoy bowling. Guide rails are available from the American Foundation for the Blind or the Wisconsin Council of the Blind. There are a few organized bowling leagues for blind and visually impaired persons in the state. Inquire at your nearest Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Office.

American Blind Bowling Association
c/o Mr. Richard Perzentka
6913 Colony Dr.
Madison, WI 53717

Ski School. Ski instruction for blind and visually impaired persons is available through the:

Rib Mountain Ski Corporation
Rib Mountain Dr.
Wausau, WI 54401

or

Scotland Resort & Country Club
1375 Royale Mile Rd.
Oconomowoc, WI 53066
(414) 567-0311

Wisconsin State Fishing License. A law provides that a lifetime fishing license, free-of-charge, may be given to a blind person who is a bona fide resident of Wisconsin. Write for an application (Form #9400-287) to:

Department of Natural Resources
101 S. Webster St.
P.O. Box 7924
Madison, WI 53707
(608) 266-2105

This license is also available from DNR field stations and offices of Wisconsin County Clerks.

Wisconsin Radio Reading Service. Wisconsin has a unique, statewide radio service designed especially for the needs of visually impaired and other print handicapped persons. Material includes daily (Madison and Milwaukee) newspapers, magazines, timely interviews, news about rehabilitation, household hints, books, and other items of interest. This radio network can only be heard on the specially designed receiver. To see about purchasing a receiver or possibly having one loaned to you, please contact:

Wisconsin Radio Reading Service, Inc.
Suite 307
905 University Ave.
Madison, WI 53715
(608) 255-7730

Associations

American Council of the Blind, Inc. (ACB). A national membership organization primarily concerned with equal opportunity and optimal services for visually impaired persons. The address is:

American Council of the Blind, Inc.
1211 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Suite 506
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 833-1251

American Foundation for the Blind, Inc. (ACB). Provides information on aids and appliances, employment, dog guides, and library services.

American Foundation for the Blind
15 W. 16th St.
New York, NY 10011
(212) 620-2000

Region III Office: 203 N. Wabash, Rm. 1302
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 269-0095

American Optometric Association. Provides information about the physiology and anatomy of the eye.

American Optometric Association
243 N. Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63141

Blinded Veterans Association (BVA). A membership organization open to veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Encourages blind veterans to take full advantage of rehabilitation opportunities. For further information, contact:

Blinded Veterans Association
Tom Stout
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
1181 Western Ave.
P.O. Box 3627
Green Bay, WI 54303
(414) 497-3187

Wisconsin Council of the Blind. A non-profit charitable corporation organized to satisfy many of the unmet needs of Blind Persons in Wisconsin. The programs of the Council include providing scholarships for blind college

students, free white canes, grants to State of Wisconsin, eye research grants; subsidies for recreation programs and for organizations which produce taped, brailled and reading materials for the blind; counseling for those who feel they have been discriminated against; low-interest home improvement and business loan programs for the blind, distribution of aids and appliances and low vision devices to the blind of Wisconsin.

The Council consists of 19 volunteers, who themselves are blind, who are selected by the Blind Concessionaires, the North Central Automatic Vendors, the Council of Piano Service, the Alumni Association of the Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped, Midwest Assoc. for the Blind, and the Badger Assoc. for Blind.

Seven members are elected by a mail ballot sent to everyone on the Council's mailing list which are known as members-at-large. The candidates selected may, or may not, be affiliated with any of the above mentioned organizations.

For information on any of the organizations which are represented on the Council contact:

Wisconsin Council of the Blind, Inc.
Executive Secretary
1245 E. Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 255-1166

Midwest Association for the Blind. A statewide association composed of both blind and sighted members. Through a system of regular meetings throughout the state, the Association provides social outlets for a great portion of its membership. It also lends support in matters pertaining to the general welfare of the blind. For information, contact:

Mr. H. Alton Davis
1902 W. State St.
Janesville, WI 53545

Badger Association for the Blind. A Milwaukee-based organization with statewide membership whose major undertaking is the operation of a home for the adult blind. The Association also arranges social and recreational activities for the blind. For information contact:

Adrian DeBlaey
912 N. Hawley Rd.
Milwaukee, WI 53213
(414) 258-9200

Eye Research Institute
Dept. DB, 20 Staniform St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 742-3140

The Eye Institute publishes a quarterly publication called "Sundial" which contains information about current developments in eye research.

National Association for the Visually
Handicapped (NAVA)
305 E. 24th St - 17C
New York, NY 10010
(212) 889-3141

Provides counseling and guidance, lending library and referral services.

National Federation of the Blind (NFB). A national membership organization primarily concerned with equal opportunity and optimal services for visually impaired persons. The address is:

National Federation of the Blind
1800 Johnson St.
Baltimore, MD 21230
(301) 659-9314

NFB Wisconsin Chapter and contact person:
Sister Sue Micich, State President
443 W. 12th Ave.
Oshkosh, WI 54901
(414) 235-6819

National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. Provides research, educational and service programs in addition to the distribution of information pamphlets.

National Society for the Prevention of
Blindness
79 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10015

Rehabilitation Services Administration. Provides information on training programs and educational materials available throughout the U.S.

Rehabilitation Services Administration
Division of Blind and Visually Impaired
Washington, D.C. 20201
(202) 245-0551

Association for Macular Diseases
P.O. Box 469
Merrick, NY 11566

Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation. The RP Foundation researches the cause, treatment and prevention of RP. Also serves as information clearing house.

National Headquarters
8331 Mindale Circle
Baltimore, MD 21207
(301) 655-1011

Wisconsin RP Chapter and contact person:

Ms. Connie Bubnich
P.O. Box 21969
Milwaukee, WI 53221
(414) 421-7964

Wisconsin Diabetes Association

6915 W. Fond du Lac Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53218
(414) 464-9395

Greater Madison Chapter
6414 Copps Ave.
Madison, WI 53704
(608) 222-3585

Publications

A Step-by-Step Guide to Personal Management for Blind Persons. Available for purchase from the American Foundation for the Blind.

Directory of Agencies Serving the Visually Handicapped in the United States. Available for reference at the Library for the Blind in Milwaukee. Available for purchase from the American Foundation for the Blind for \$10.00.

The Seeing Eye, Inc., publishes an excellent pamphlet, IF BLINDNESS OCCURS, regarding techniques of dealing with a blind person. For further information regarding this or other pamphlets published by Seeing Eye, write to:

The Seeing Eye, Inc.
P.O. Box 375
Morristown, NJ 07960

Recorded Periodicals publishes scientific and technical periodicals on tape, for details contact:

Recorded Periodicals
919 Walnut St., 8th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0600

For blank, open-reel and cassette tapes, inquire to:

Tapes for the Blind, Inc.
7852 Cole Street
Downey, CA 90242

DAK Industries, Inc.
01845 Vanover No.
Hollywood, CA 91665
Attn: Magnetic Products Division

Choice Magazine Listing is a FREE anthology for the visually impaired. Every other month, this unique free service offers its subscribers eight hours of the best articles, fiction and poetry, chosen from over 70 current print periodicals which are read professionally onto 8 rpm phonograph records.

Choice Magazine Listening
Dept. 11
P.O. Box 10
Port Washington, NY 11050
(516) 883-8280

Dialogue is a quarterly magazine in disc, braille, and large print. Information contained is of special interest to the blind and partially sighted. Dialogue features original fiction and poetry. Also available are items such as signature stamps, tape mailers, etc. For further information:

Dialogue Publications, Inc.
3100 So. Oak Park Ave.
Berwyn, IL 60402

Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind is a lively general-interest monthly designated to offer blind persons the same variety of information and entertainment available to the sighted. It features articles reprinted from newspapers and magazines, book excerpts, short fiction, poetry, humor and news and information of particular interest to blind persons. It is FREE. Publishes in grade 2 braille and in 8 rpm recorded disc; not available in large print or cassette.

The Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind
20 West 17th St.
New York, NY 10011
(212) 242-0263

Caring for the Older Visually Impaired Blind Person is another helpful publication available at a reasonable cost from:

The Minneapolis Society for the Blind, Inc.
1936 Lyndale Ave., South
Minneapolis, MN 55403
(612) 871-222

Other excellent magazines and publications are available on loan through:

Milwaukee Public Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
813 W. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 278-3045

For more information on large print books, and large print book clubs, contact the following publishing company. This publisher has available a one volume large print Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

G. K. Hall and Co.
70 Lincoln St.
Boston, MA 02111

Large Print Magazines available by subscription from the publisher or loan from a library are:

Guideposts
Guideposts Associates, Inc.
Carmel, NY 10512

New York Times Large Type Weekly
New York Times Co.
229 W. 43rd St.
New York, NY 10036

Readers Digest Large-type Edition
P.O. Box 241
Mt. Morris, IL 61054
(815) 734-6963

M.C. Migel Memorial Library
American Foundation for the Blind
15 W. 16th St.
New York, NY 10011
(212) 620-2000

This library holds the largest collection of references on blindness in the world. It does not include materials in braille, large type, or recorded form.

Media Products for the Blind
510 Main St., A436
New York, NY 10044

Innovative Rehabilitation Tech. Inc.
375 Distel Circle, Suite A-11 Los Altos
Los Altos, Ca 94022

Cookbooks

There are cookbooks, available for purchase in large print, records, and Braille. For information, contact:

American Printing House for the Blind, Inc.
1938 Frankford Ave.
P.O. Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206

Madison Public Library
201 W. Mifflin
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 266-6314

Milwaukee Public Library
Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
813 W. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 278-3045

G. K. Hall & Company
70 Lincoln St.
Boston, MA 02111
Large Print Only

State Services for the Blind
Communication Center
1745 University Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104
(612) 296-6723

Volunteer Braillists, Inc.
(See address on p.)

Guide Dogs

For information contact:

Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc.
P.O. Box 1200
San Rafael, CA 94902
(415) 479-4000

The Seeing Eye, Inc.
P.O. Box 375
Morristown, NJ 07960
(201) 539-4425

Leader Dogs for the Blind
1039 Rochester Rd.
Rochester, MI 48063
(313) 651-9011



Susan Mancl, Wisconsin Rapids, and member of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's Consumer Advisory Council attends many meetings throughout the State of Wisconsin assisted by her guide dog, Bear.

Other

Voting. In Wisconsin, a blind person may be assisted by any qualified elector of his/her own choice from within the county where the ward is located. An absentee ballot is another method of voting. For specific information on the laws in Wisconsin, contact the county or city clerk or your nearest Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Office. For specific information on laws in other states, a leaflet entitled, "Election Laws Affecting Blind Persons" is available from American Foundation for the Blind.

Telephone Services. The Wisconsin Telephone Company provides special equipment for visually impaired persons such as large print dials and a six-button key set which allows the customer to hear rather than see which line buttons are illuminated. They also provide speech amplifiers, loud bells and lamp indicators among other equipment for customers with impaired hearing or speech. For more information, contact:

Wisconsin Bell, Inc.
Coordinator, Services for Disabled People
740 North Broadway, Room 150
Milwaukee, WI 53202
Toll Free: (800) 242-9694

Directory assistance is a free charge for calls placed by customers who are certified by their physicians to be physically or visually handicapped and unable to use the telephone directory.

Free Mailing Privileges. In compliance with the postal regulations effective January, 1968, the blind or physically handicapped may send unsealed correspondence recorded on magnetic tape, or written in Braille, or large-type, talking books and also talking book machines and devices for the blind, free-of-charge, if the mailing container bears the wording, "Free Matter for the Blind". For more information contact the nearest post office.

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15 WEST 16th STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10011



For additional information contact the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, 1 W. Wilson St., 8th floor, Madison, WI 53702 (608) 266-0224.